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TENG CONFESSES TO "BUREAUCRATIC"
HANDLING OF WUHAN CASE

On 16 February 1952, an enlarged administrative meeting of the Central-South Military and Administrative Committee under the chairmanship of Teng Tzu-hui, vice-chairman of the Central-South Military and Administrative Committee, effected the decision, concurred in by the Government Administration Council, Central People's Government, to dismiss from their respective posts the following:

1. Mayor Wu Te-feng, chairman, Wuhan Municipal People's Government
2. Vice-Mayor Chu Ti-hsing, concurrently director, Public Security Bureau, Wuhan Municipal People's Government
3. Hsieh Fang-chih, chairman, Inspection Committee, Wuhan Municipal People's Government

The three were charged with mishandling the case of Sung Ying, deputy director, Wuhan Municipal Health Bureau and Chou Chi-fang, former Vice-Mayor of Wuhan.

A lengthy article, dealing with the decision of this administrative meeting, in the K'ai-feng Honan Jih-pao, of 21 February 1952, revealed that Teng Tzu-hui had admitted to delaying prosecution of the Wuhan case and had averred his "bureaucratic" behavior:

"Finally, Chairman Teng submitted a confession saying, 'Since I have been convalescing for 4 months and had to convene several important conferences, I was unable to understand /the nature of the case/ which, consequently, was protracted over a long period and not adjudicated on time. I, personally, was bureaucratic.'"

Teng, a member of the Central Committee, CCP, is a veteran Communist leader, having joined the CCP in 1926, with long experience in Central China. He was elected a member of the Central Committee, CCP, in April 1945 and chairman of the Central Plains Provisional People's Government, in March 1949. In

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the latter post, he was the superior of Pu Sheng-kuang, recently dismissed director of the Public Security Bureau, Central-South Military and Administrative Committee and Chief Procurator, Central-South Branch, People's Procurator General's Office. Issues of the Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, for 19 February and 9 March 1952, contain information on the removal of Pu with the approval of Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Pu, a CCP member, was born about 1909 in Nan-k'ang, Kiangsi. He had been appointed Minister of Public Security, Central Plains Provisional People's Government in March 1949 -- in the same month that Teng received his commission.

On 27 February 1952, the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao carried an abridged version of the administrative meeting, but no reference was made to Teng's confession. Subsequent issues of the Peiping organ carried no reference to the confession which did appear, however, in the Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 19 February 1952, and the Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 23 February 1952.

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